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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 26, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore due to my illness.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord, God of history and ever-present, You sent Your prophet Isaiah to Your people when they were in need of hope and vision.

May Isaiah's prophetic words guide us still. Send Your spirit upon this Nation and this Congress, that we may be open to hearing Your word and actively seek the salvation You alone can bring.

Make of us a people of compassion and holiness. In pursuing the avenues of justice for all, may we be a sign to the community of nations.

Help us to work toward the complete fulfillment of the deepest human hopes and Your inspiring promises.

With humility let us embrace our calling; to be truly prophetic, as Your servants of old, by earnestly fulfilling Your commands now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McHUGH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

S. 320. An act to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws.

S. 360. An act to honor Paul D. Coverdell.  
S. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation, and supporting National Donor Day.

S. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the upcoming trip of President George W. Bush to Mexico to meet with newly elected President Vicente Fox, and with respect to future cooperative efforts between the United States and Mexico.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 15, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 15, 2001 at 4:50 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 559.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 94-304, amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, and the order of the House of Wednesday, February 14, 2001, the Speaker on Thursday, February 15, 2001 appointed the following Members of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, co-chairman;

Mr. WOLF of Virginia;  
Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania,  
Mr. WAMP of Tennessee,  
Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama.

### MAKING IN ORDER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2001, MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, February 28, 2001, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures: H.R. 256, H.R. 558, H.R. 621, and H. Con. Res. 27.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order

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